

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Jules-Joseph VAN SCHAFTINGEN, et al. : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO.: New Application :
FILED: Herewith : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: PROCESS FOR :
MANUFACTURING HOLLOW
PLASTIC BODIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to considering the application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 2-11 as follows:

Claim 2, line 1, change "the preceding claim" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 3, lines 1-2, change "either of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 4, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "the preceding claim" to --Claim 4--.

Claim 6, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "or 6".

Claim 8, line 1, change "any one of Claims 5 to 7" to --Claim 5--.

Claim 9, line 1, change "any one of Claims 5 to 8" to --Claim 5--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of Claims 6 to 9" to --Claim 6--.

Claim 11, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

--12. Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that it is used in an integrated manufacturing line comprising the extrusion of the parison and its forming by moulding.

13. Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the parison is cut longitudinally in the direction of its flow.

14. Process according to Claim 3, characterized in that the parison is cut longitudinally in the direction of its flow.

15. Process according to Claim 12, characterized in that the parison is cut longitudinally in the direction of its flow.

16. Processing according to Claim 4, characterized in that the parison is cut twice over its entire length, along two separate lines, so as to produce two separate sheets.

17. Processing according to Claim 13, characterized in that the parison is cut twice over its entire length, along two separate lines, so as to produce two separate sheets.

18. Processing according to Claim 14, characterized in that the parison is cut twice over its entire length, along two separate lines, so as to produce two separate sheets.

19. Processing according to Claim 15, characterized in that the parison is cut twice over its entire length, along two separate lines, so as to produce two separate sheets.

20. Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the two parts of the cut parison are held apart at a sufficient distance from each other so that it is possible to insert

between them, before moulding, an object intended to be incorporated inside the hollow body.--

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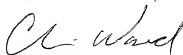
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are presently active in this case, Claims 2-11 having been amended and Claims 12-20 having been added by way of the present Amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable consideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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